

# What Antifouling Alternatives Are There for Boat Upkeep?

Anti-fouling paint, also called bottom paint, is applied to the underside of the boat in an attempt to stop organisms from growing and attaching to the hull. These organisms can affect how the vehicle performs in the water and can damage the boat's integrity over time. Most people take time to use antifouling paints to protect the hull, but these can be ineffective and have historically caused environmental concerns. Because it is good practice to apply the paint each year, many people are looking for easier alternatives to protect their valuable investment.



There are two real alternatives, depending on the size of your boat, from yacht to tinny. If you have a vessel that is over 6 metres in length, a Sea Pen is a great way to keep the hull of your boat dry and free from aquatic organisms. The other [antifouling alternative](#) for boats under 6 metres are Float Bricks. A scalable set of floating bricks that can be connected together in order to create a water-level dry dock that fits your vehicle perfectly.

The [Float Bricks](#) are connected together with a small groove in the centre to suit your vehicle's underside. This allows you to drive onto the dry dock and then reverse off of it when you want to use your boat, tinny or jet-ski again. If you want a slightly larger area in order to walk around the vehicle more easily, or for a second personal watercraft (PWC), you can increase the size of the dock by simply adding more bricks.

The Sea Pen antifouling alternative is great for vehicles over 6 metres in length. It has two separate models, one for a boat with an outboard or stern drive system and one which can be used on any boat with any drive system. They work by covering the bottom of your boat with a rope mesh and a skin, the water is then pumped out of the area below the boat. The rope allows air flow around the extent of the hull of the boat, allowing it to dry. They are simply driven into

and are simple to use. Whichever option you choose, you will be doing what is best to prolong the life of your boat.